

CITYVIEW

City of Hamilton Planning and Development Department

1996

WHO ARE THOSE HAMILTONIANS? - POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

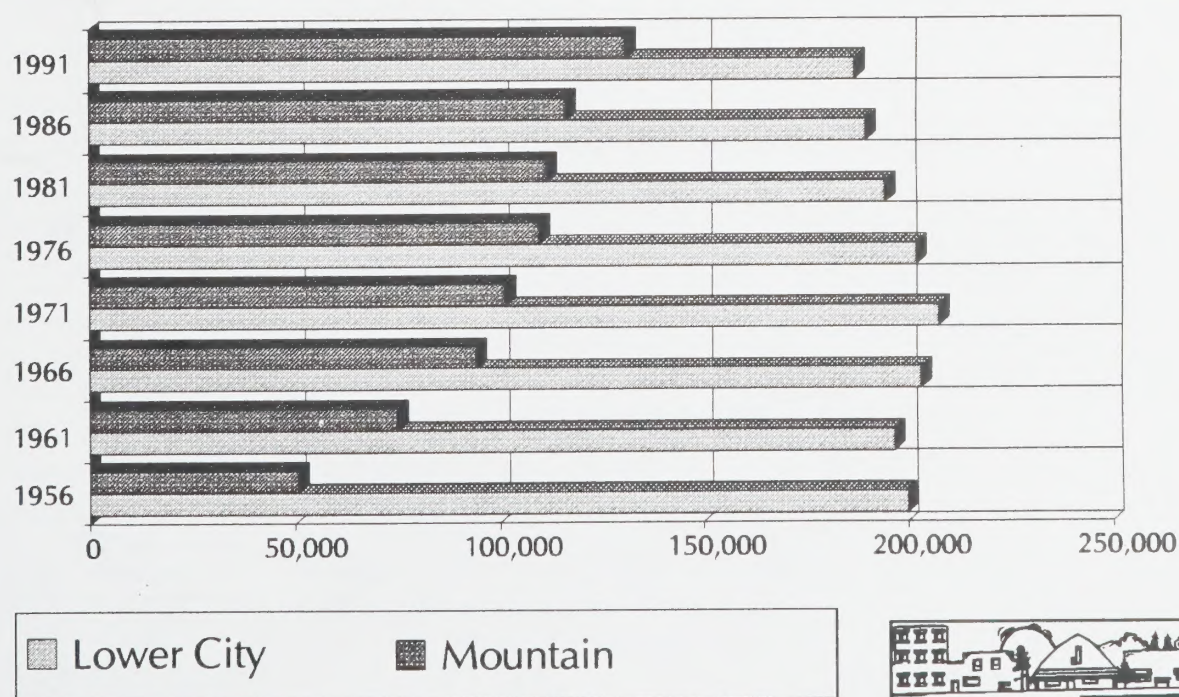
Hamilton is a unique municipality in Ontario as the Niagara Escarpment has created two distinct communities: the Lower City and the Hamilton Mountain. This brochure will provide a brief introduction to the characteristics of Hamiltonians in both the Lower City and on the Mountain.

How Has the Population Changed?

As recorded by the 1991 Census of Canada, the population of the City of Hamilton stood at 318,500. This was an increase of 11,760 from 1986 or 3.8%.

The population of Hamilton's Lower City peaked in 1971 at 207,580 and has been declining gradually to a level of 187,220 in 1991. On the other hand, the population of the Hamilton Mountain has increased significantly in the past 40 years. In 1956 the population of the Hamilton Mountain was recorded at 50,877 and by 1991 had increased by 158% to a level of 131,280.

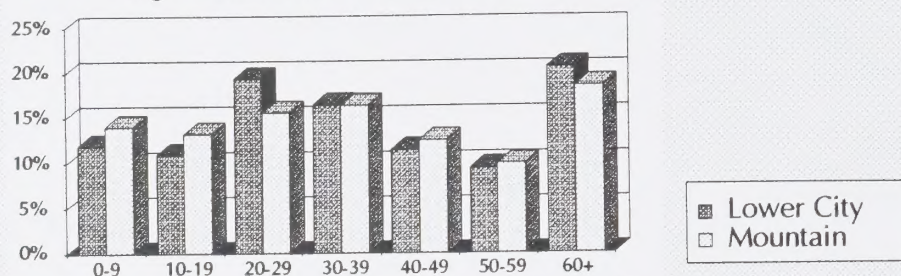
Population Trends in Hamilton



What is the Age Distribution?

The age distribution of people living in the Lower City compared to the Hamilton Mountain is different. Over one-quarter (27.2%) of Hamilton Mountain residents are under the age of 20 compared to 22.8% for Lower City residents. Lower City residents have a higher proportion of residents aged 60 years and over: 20.5% compared to 18.4% for Hamilton Mountain residents.

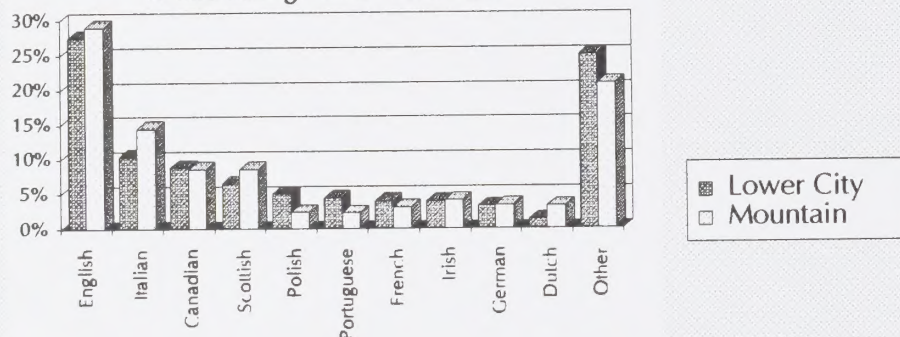
Age of Hamilton's Population



What is their Ethnic Background?

In both the Lower City and on the Hamilton Mountain, over one-quarter of residents are of an English ethnic background. Residents of Italian ethnic background accounted for 14.4 percent of the population on the Hamilton Mountain and 10.4% in the Lower City.

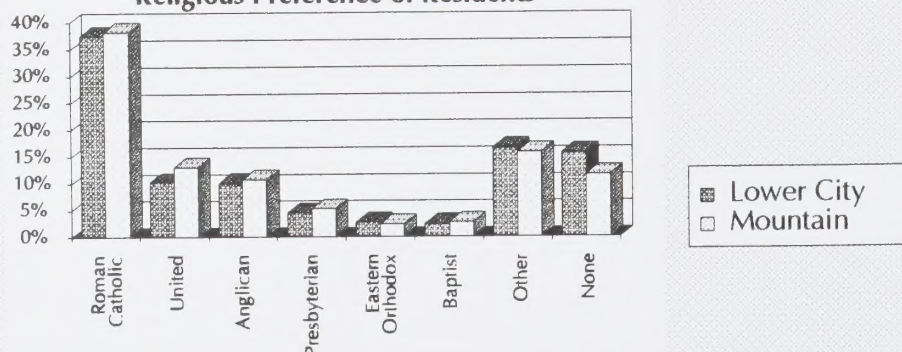
Ethnic Background of Residents



What is their Religious Preference?

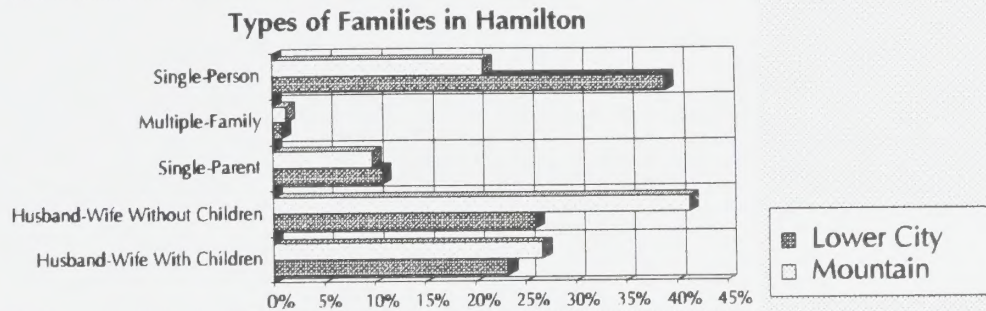
In both the Lower City and the Hamilton Mountain, over one-third of residents belong to the Roman Catholic faith. On the Hamilton Mountain, 13.1% of residents are part of the United Church and a further 10.8% belong to the Anglican Church. The proportions are similar in the Lower City.

Religious Preference of Residents



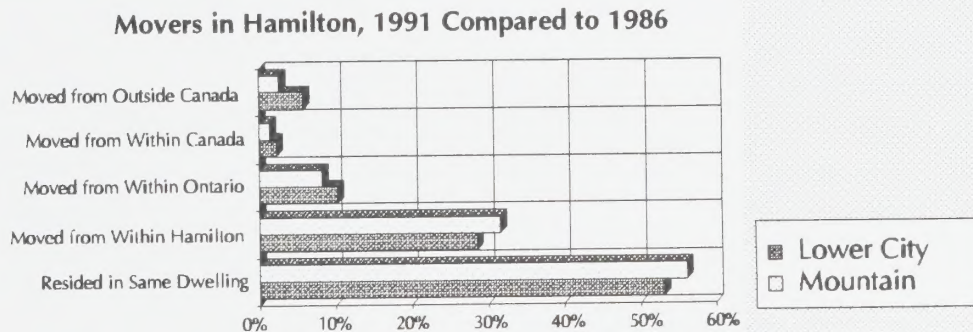
What Kind of Families or Households Are There?

The types of families or households that live on the Hamilton Mountain compared to the Lower City is very different. Over 40% of households on the Mountain are husband-wife families with children; in the Lower City the proportion is 26.0%. Conversely, the proportion of single-person households is much greater in the Lower City than on the Mountain: 39.0% versus 20.9%.



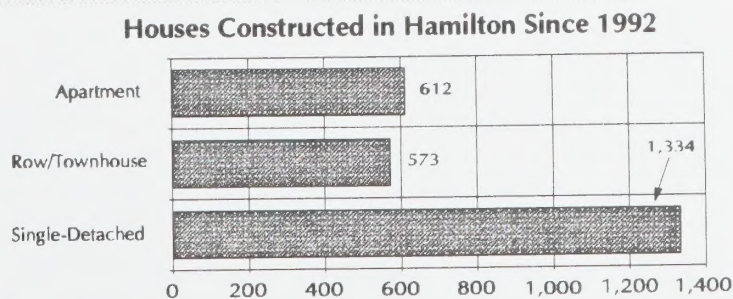
How Frequently Do People Move?

Residents of the Lower City tend to move slightly more often than those on the Hamilton Mountain. Over the period 1986-1991, 47% of Lower City residents did move compared to 44% of Hamilton Mountain residents.



What Kind of Houses Have Been Built in Hamilton Recently?

Since 1992, over 2,500 new dwelling units have been constructed in the City of Hamilton. Over one-half (52.8%) of these dwelling units are single-detached homes constructed on the Hamilton Mountain. Townhouse developments have added a further 573 new units while an additional 612 new apartment dwelling units have been constructed.



HAMILTON'S PLAN FOR TOMORROW

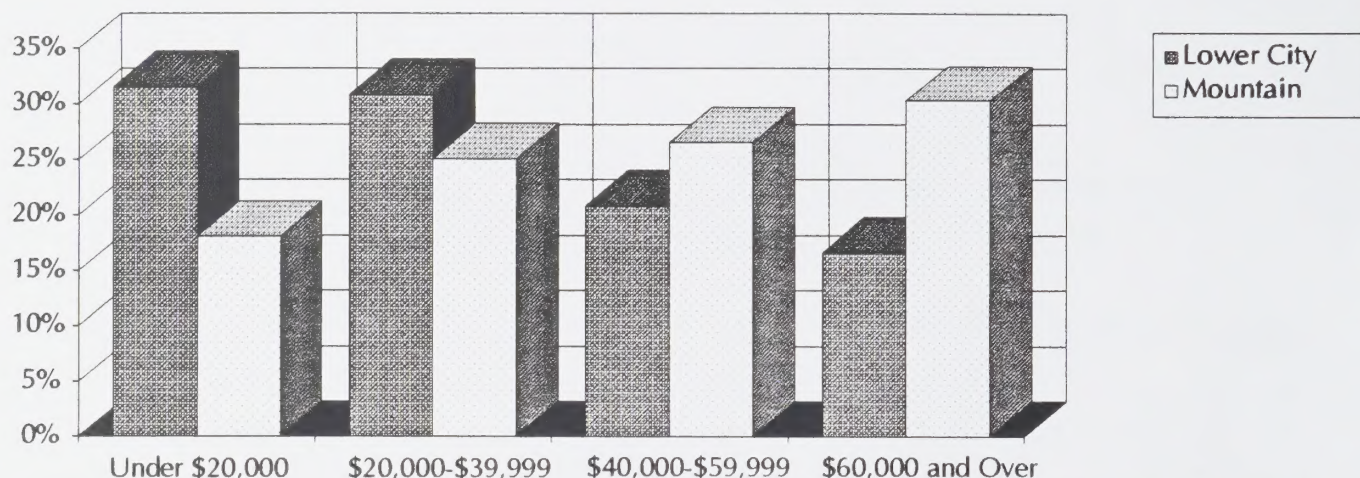


3 2022 21333687 4

What is the Income of Hamilton Households?

Hamilton Mountain households have higher average incomes than households in the Lower City. In 1991, the average household income (in 1990 dollars) for the Hamilton Mountain was \$47,993 compared to \$37,276 for the Lower City. The average household income for all of Hamilton-Wentworth households was recorded at \$46,415 in 1991 (\$1990).

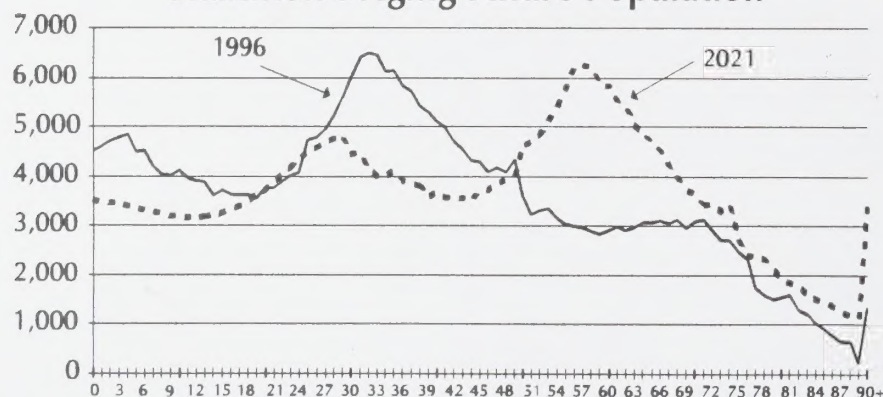
Household Income (\$1990)



How Will Hamilton's Population Look in the Future?

As the baby-boomer bulge continues to age, they will contribute to a much higher proportion of the population in older age cohorts. Hamilton's population will continue to increase gradually to 337,668 by the year 2021.

Hamilton's Aging Future Population



For further information on this brochure, please contact Keith Exance at (905) 546-4158.

CITYVIEW

CityView Hamilton's Plan for Tomorrow is your opportunity to present your ideas and thoughts on the future of Hamilton.

Your ideas will ultimately form the basis of a new Official Plan for the City of Hamilton.

Staff of Hamilton's Planning and Development Department are available to answer your questions on any facet of CityView.

Ways to Contact Us...

Joanne Hickey-Evans at (905) 546-4229

Keith Exance at (905) 546-4158

FAX (905) 546-4202

E-Mail : city.hamilton.planning@freenet.hamilton.on.ca

Mail to...

City of Hamilton
Planning and Development Department
7th Floor, City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8N 3T4